FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER, MSN

We emphasize hands-on, real life care in all aspects of the program. All of our faculty members are currently in practice, an important cornerstone of our program, giving you indispensable exposure to the kind of work you'll step into after graduation. Our program emphasizes health equity and addressing social determinants of health both in the community and health care settings. Students can interact with patients speaking languages other than English and gain experience with culturally diverse populations. We offer access to unique clinical opportunities including addiction medicine, homeless health, and centers that provide evidence-based care across the gender spectrum. Your coursework will include four core courses (graduate research and sciences), one elective, and nine theory/clinical courses. The clinical courses include classroom work, lab sessions, and clinical preceptorships focused on physical assessment and pathophysiology, health maintenance, and the management of common acute and chronic health problems.

For more information: https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/family/

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2026 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Course Units
Core Courses		
NURS 6070	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	1
NURS 6080	Advanced Pharmacology and Therapeutics for Nursing Practice	1
NURS 6560	Professional Role Issues for Nurse Practitioners	1
NURS 6570	Advanced Physical Assessment and Clinical Decision Making	1
NURS 5470	Scientific Inquiry for Evidence-based Practice [1]	1
or NURS 6370	Introduction to Research Methods and Design	
Theory Courses		
NURS 6260	Family and Organizational Systems Across the Life Span	1
NURS 6580	Clinical Management of Primary Care with Young Families	1
NURS 6900	Family Focused Primary Care of the Middle-Aged and Older Adult	1
NURS 7200	Nursing of Children Theory I: Child and Family Development	1
Clinical Courses		
NURS 6590	Clinical Practicum: Primary Care with Young Families	1
NURS 6610	Clinical Management of Primary Care with Adults	1
NURS 6630	Advanced Concepts in Primary Care	1
NURS 6910	Clinical Practicum: Family Focused Primary Care of the Middle Aged and Older Ad	1
Elective Courses		
Select one NURS elective		1
Total Course Units		**14**

[1] NURS 5470 is a graduate-level research methods course approved for Penn BSN students only.

Full Time Plan of Study

First Year		
Fall		**Course Units**
NURS 6070	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	1
NURS 6560	Professional Role Issues for Nurse Practitioners	1
NURS 6570	Advanced Physical Assessment and Clinical Decision Making	1
NURS 7200	Nursing of Children Theory I: Child and Family Developmen	1
	Course Units	**4.00**
Spring		
NURS 6080	Advanced Pharmacolo and Therapeutic for Nursing Practice	1
NURS 6370	Introduction to Research Methods and Design	1
NURS 6900	Family Focused Primary Care of the Middle-Aged and Older Adult	1
NURS 6910	Clinical Practicum: Family Focused Primary Care of the Middle Aged and Older Ad	1
	Course Units	**4.00**

Summer		
NURS 6260	Family and Organizational Systems Across the Life Span	1
NURS 6610	Clinical Managemen of Primary Care with Adults	1
NURS 6630	Advanced Concepts in Primary Care	1
	Course Units	**3.00**
Second Year		
Fall		
NURS 6580	Clinical Management of Primary Care with Young Families	1
NURS 6590	Clinical Practicum: Primary Care with Young Families	1
NURS XXXX Graduate Nursing Elective		1
	Course Units	**3.00**
	Total Course Units	**14.00**

Part Time Plans of Study

2 Year Plan of Study

First Year		
Fall		**Course Units**
NURS 6070	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	1
NURS 7200	Nursing of Children Theory I: Child and Family Developmen	1
	Course Units	**2.00**
Spring		
NURS 6080	Advanced Pharmacolo and Therapeutics for Nursing Practice	1
NURS XXXX Graduate Nursing Elective		1
	Course Units	**2.00**
Summer		
NURS 6260	Family and Organizational Systems Across the Life Span	1
NURS 6370	Introduction to Research Methods and Design	1
	Course Units	**2.00**
Second Year		
Fall		
NURS 6560	Professional Role Issues for Nurse Practitioners	1
NURS 6570	Advanced Physical Assessment and Clinical Decision Making	1
	Course Units	**2.00**
Spring		
NURS 6900	Family Focused Primary Care of the Middle-Aged and Older Adult	1
NURS 6910	Clinical Practicum: Family Focused Primary Care of the Middle Aged and Older Ad	1
	Course Units	**2.00**
Summer		
NURS 6610	Clinical Managemen of Primary Care with Adults	1
NURS 6630	Advanced Concepts in Primary Care	1
	Course Units	**2.00**
Third Year		
Fall		
NURS 6580	Clinical Management of Primary Care with Young Families	1

NURS 6590	Clinical Practicum: Primary Care with Young Families	1
	Course Units	**2.00**
	Total Course Units	**14.00**

3 Year Plan of Study

First Year

Fall		**Course Units**
NURS 6070	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	1
	Course Units	**1.00**
Spring		
NURS 6080	Advanced Pharmacology and Therapeutics for Nursing Practice	1
	Course Units	**1.00**
Summer		
NURS 6260	Family and Organizational Systems Across the Life Span	1
	Course Units	**1.00**

Second Year

Fall		
NURS 7200	Nursing of Children Theory I: Child and Family Development	1
	Course Units	**1.00**
Spring		
NURS XXXX Graduate Nursing Elective		1
	Course Units	**1.00**
Summer		
NURS 6370	Introduction to Research Methods and Design	1
	Course Units	**1.00**

Third Year

Fall		
NURS 6560	Professional Role Issues for Nurse Practitioners	1
NURS 6570	Advanced Physical Assessment and Clinical Decision Making	1
	Course Units	**2.00**
Spring		
NURS 6900	Family Focused Primary Care of the Middle-Aged and Older Adult	1
NURS 6910	Clinical Practicum: Family Focused Primary Care of the Middle Aged and Older Ad	1
	Course Units	**2.00**
Summer		
NURS 6610	Clinical Management of Primary Care with Adults	1
NURS 6630	Advanced Concepts in Primary Care	1
	Course Units	**2.00**

Fourth Year

Fall		
NURS 6580	Clinical Managemen of Primary Care with Young Families	1
NURS 6590	Clinical Practicum: Primary Care with Young Families	1
	Course Units	**2.00**
	Total Course Units	**14.00**